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Preface

Chloe has a feeling that there is something weird going on with her mom. She wants to find out what is wrong. With her best friend, Maria, by her side, Chloe embarks on an adventure that leads them to an incredible discovery—and a new friend along the way. They are having a great adventure, exploring new things, and so will they be able to figure things out on their own, or will they tell their parents and accept a little help?

# School Time

Beep! Beep! Beep!
Chloe's alarm clock blared at her, telling her to wake up. She groggily shut the alarm clock and slowly started to remove the quilt. With no more delays, she slipped out of bed and slithered till she was about to reach for the bathroom door handle, but then something had distracted her. It was her older sister, Samantha's long and loud yawning and stretching and knuckle cracking.
Chloe quickly got into the bathroom before her sister was able to. Then, by the time she got out, she saw that her sister was sleep walking or something. She didn't want to get involved so she rushed down the stairs.

.Hey mom, everything okay?" Chloe asked"

Never better sweetheart," replied mom. "But you shouldn't be worrying"
about me. Focus on your breakfast. The bus is coming in about ten
".minutes

Chloe stared at her mom, still curious, wondering what was really going on. But before she could ask, Samantha came stumbling down the stairs, still looking half-asleep. Just then, her phone rang, and she immediately seemed to snap to attention.

Mhm... Okay... Sure... No problem, I'll ask my mom if we can," she muttered over her phone.

She ended the call and walked over to the kitchen where mom was packing the lunch boxes and asked, "Lily said—" but mom interrupted, "Wait, who's Lily again?" mom asked.

Samantha replied and continued, “Lily, my friend, I mean my best friend. My BFF called me and said that she would love to invite me over to her house for a sleepover tonight after school and that her mom will pick us up.”